# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVE RAIYATS, MERCHANTS AND OTHERS, HELD IN MYSORE IN OCTOBER 1905.

## *MEMORANDUM.*

The twenty-second Assembly of the Representative Raiyats, Merchants and others, was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore on Wednesday, the 11th October 1905, and the six following days.

2. In accordance with the system of triennial election instituted in 1894, the Taluk Members elected in 1903, continued to hold their seats this year. Out of a full nominal strength of 278, the number of representatives actually returned was 266 as particularized below :—

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| Representatives returned by 75 Taluks including Sub-Taluks ... | 200 |
| 26 Municipalities each representing a population of 5,000 and above .. | 41 |
| 8 Local Boards ... .. ... ... ... ... | 16 |
| 9 Associations ... ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| Total ... | 266 |

Of these,

6 were Europeans,

12 Mahomedans, and

248 Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation—

246 were Merchants,

24 Sowcars, and

196 Land-holders and men of other occupations.

3. The attendance of members on the opening day was 196, while it was 168 on the corresponding day at the previous year's Assembly.

4. The Representatives assembled at noon on the 11th October, and Sir P. N. Krishna Murti, K.C.I.E., the Dewan, presided. The Hon'ble Mr. A. Williams, the officiating British Resident, and other European guests of His Highness the Maharaja, graced the occasion with their presence. There were present also the Members of the State Council, the Judges of the Chief Court, the Heads of the various Departments and other principal Officers of the State.

5. The proceedings were opened by the reading of an Address by the Dewan which passed in review the finances of the State and the working of the various branches of the administration during the past official year, and announced in appropriate terms the gracious acceptance by Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and the Princess of Wales, of His Highness the Maharaja's invitation to honor the State with a visit.

6. At the conclusion of the reading of the Address, Mr. C. H. Richards, Chairman of the Mining Board, Kolar Gold Fields, congratulated the Government on the prosperity that attended the State last year, and made several representations on behalf of the Board, to each of which the Dewan replied in suitable terms. Mr. M Venkatakrishnaiya then made a speech in behalf of the Assembly, in the course of which he touched upon the prompt steps taken to overcome the effects of an apprehended drought, on the financial stability and the general progress made in the administration.

7. Mr. B. K. Venkata Varada Iyengar, Secretary, General and Revenue Department, afterwards read the Address in Kannada.

8. The subjects brought forward by the Representatives were discussed till the evening of the 17th idem, of which a brief summary with replies of Government thereto appears in this volume.

9. Before the proceedings commenced on the second day (the 12th idem) the Dewan explained to the members that out of a total of 621 subjects discussed last year, only 68 were under disposal in the several Secretariats, and 12 under correspondence, all the rest having been disposed of.

10. On Sunday the 15th October, Dr. Adolph Lehmann, Agricultural Chemist in Mysore, addressed the Representatives on the work of his Department and drew the attention of the members to the time which scientific investigations on plant diseases such as kole-roga necessarily take.

11. At the close of the proceedings on the evening of the 17th October, Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit and Srinivasa Rao of Haribar, and Abdulla Saheb of Koratagere expressed thanks for the great sympathy and patience shown by the Dewan in conducting the business of the Assembly and the kind manner in which the members, as in last year, were received and listened to by the Dewan at private interviews, as also for the arrangements made for the convenience of the members during their stay at Mysore. Mr. Annaiya Pandit also expressed that it was the wish of the Assembly that Sir Krishna Murti may continue in his high office for many years to come. The Dewan thanked the Representatives for these expressions of appreciation, and promised to communicate their sentiments to His Highness the Maharaja. He complimented them for the interest and self-sacrifice they had displayed in doing their duty and explained to them that the chief object of the Assembly was to know the wishes and grievances of the people through them as they were their accredited representatives, and to do all that the Government could to redress such grievances and make the administration a source of blessing to the people. The Dewan also thanked the members for the many sided help they had given him in this matter.

12. The Assembly then broke up.

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